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PARTIES TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM PROTESTING

RECENT COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITIES. NOTE MADE PUBLIC
AFTERNOON AUGUST 23.

2. BEGIN TEXT: NO 1946/BNG/26. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM SIGNED IN PARIS ON 2 MARCH 1973 AND HAS THE HONOUR TO DRAW THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE GRAVE EVENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF THIS MONTH.

3. ON 7 AUGUST 1974, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES ATTACKED AND SEIZED THE DISTRICT TOWN OF THUONG DUC (ZC. 1454) IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG NAM. TEN DAYS LATER, ON 17 AUGUST, THEY ATTACKED AND SEIZED THE DISTRICT TOWN OF MINH LONG (BS. 5653) IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG NGAI. ON 20 AUGUST, THE MILITARY SUB-SECTOR OF MANG BUK (AS. 981.418) IN THE PROVINCE OF KONTUM ALSO WAS SUBMERGED BY COMMUNIST FORCES. THESE BLATANT VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASE-FIRE WERE COMMITTED BY COMMUNIST NORTH VIETNAMESE TROOPS AT REGIMENTAL AND DIVISIONAL STRENGTH, EQUIPPED WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY, TANKS AND THE MOST SOPHISTICATED ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONARY SUPPLIED BY COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.

4. THUS, WITHIN THREE WEEKS, THE COMMUNIST FORCE HAVE DELIBERATELY STEPPED UP THEIR MILITARY OPERATIONS TO SEIZE THREE TOWNS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, IN TOTAL DISREGARD OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973 AND IN UTTER CONTEMPT OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION.

5. THE ARMED AGGRESSION OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS THUS BECOME SO BRAZEN AS TO MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY. FURTHERMORE, THE AGGRESSIVE SCHEME OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS NEVER BEEN CONCEALED, FOR THE LEADERS OF THE HANOI GOVERNMENT HAVE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DECLARE TIME AND AGAIN THAT THEY ARE COMMITTED TO A POLICY OF "WHOLEHEARTEDLY ASSISTING THE SOUTHERN REVOLUTION" AND "FULFILLING THEIR SACRED DUTY TOWARDS THE KITH-AND-KIN SOUTHERN COMPATRIOTS". NOWHERE CAN ONE FIND A MORE CYNICAL VIEW ON INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND A MORE CONVINCING EVIDENCE OF THE LITTLE RESPECT THAT THE HANOI AUTHORITIES--AND THEIR FRONT ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SO-CALLED "PRG OF SVN"--HOLD FOR THE 27 JANUARY 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT, THE 2 MARCH 1973 ACT AND THE 13 JUNE 1973 JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

6. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM STRONGLY CONDEMNS THE VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND DENOUNCES IN THE MOST ENERGETIC TERMS THE ACTS OF WAR PERPETRATED BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE AT THUONG DUC, MINH LONG,

MANG BUK AND OTHER PLACES. IT AGAIN CALLS THE ATTENTION OF ALL PEACE-AND JUSTICE-LOVING NATIONS ON THE INCESSANT ATTEMPTS BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE TO GRAB TERRITORIES WHICH WERE UNQUESTIONABLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT THE TIME OF THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. IN THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION BY ITS CONTINUING ARMED ATTACKS--AS WELL AS BY ITS RUTHLESS CAMPAIGN OF ORGANIZED TERROR DIRECTED AGAINST THE CIVILIAN POPULATION--HAS SHOWN THAT IT IS COMMITTED TO THE USE OF FORCE IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO TAKE OVER SOUTH VIETNAM, THUS BLATANTLY VIOLATING THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT FO 27 JANUARY 1973.

7. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ALL THE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CALLS FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION PROVE TO BE NOTHING BUT A CYNICAL SCHEME TO DECEIVE PUBLIC OPINION IN VIETNAM AS WELL AS IN THE WORLD AT LARGE.

8. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM REITERATES ITS UNSWERVING POLICY OF STRICTLY RESPECTING AND SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENTING ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, BUT HAS TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAVE RESULTED IN A SITUATION SUCH THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS TO TAKE ALL MEASURES WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO DEFEND ITS TERRITORY, ITS PEOPLE AND ITS ARMED FORCES, AS WELL AS TO PRESERVE THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

9. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM EARNESTLY APPEALS TO THE PARTIES TO THE 1973 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM TO ACT EITHER SEPARATELY OR IN CONCERT TO ENSURE THAT THE HANOI GOVERNMENT AND ITS AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH CEASE AT ONCE THEIR BELLIGERENT ACTS AND STRICTLY OBSERVE ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. BASED ON ITS UNCLASSIFIED

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GENUINE DESIRE FOR PEACE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ALSO WISHES THAT THE PARTIES WOULD TAKE URGENT STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE IMMEDIATELY RESUMES THE TALKS BOTH AT THE LA CELLE SAINT CLOUD CONFERENCE AND AT THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION, IN ORDER TO REACH A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE OF VIETNAM AS A WHOLE.

10. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM, THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SAIGON, 23 AUGUST 1974. END TEXT.
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